

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Week of January 20, 2017**  
**Superfund Division**

**Highlight of Past Week**

**Freeport Consent Decree Lodged in District Court of Arizona:** On January 17, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a complaint against and lodged a CERCLA Consent Decree with Cyprus Amax Minerals Company and Western Nuclear, Inc. (both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Freeport-McMoran, Inc.) for investigation and cleanup of 94 abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation. The settlement is worth approximately \$600 million and also settles claims by EPA and the Navajo Nation against several settling federal agencies, including the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior. (Contacts: Sarah Mueller, x2-3953, and Linda Reeves, x2-3445)

**Triple Site Offsite OU VI (Sunnyvale, CA):** Indoor and crawlspace post-mitigation sampling results at [REDACTED] **Personal Privacy 6** [REDACTED] **Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)** following the installation of a sub-membrane depressurization system are all non-detect for TCE. Additional sampling events are planned for later this winter, as well as this spring and during the second winter of operation. Winter season residential sampling and post-mitigation sampling at ten mitigated residential buildings continues. We are also reviewing the latest mitigation workplan revisions completed by the RP for the five school buildings that make up [REDACTED] **Personal Privacy 6** (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

**Cove Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM), Dine College Cooperative Agreement:** On January 13, USEPA and Dine College held a kickoff meeting for the Cooperative Agreement that was awarded to Dine College in late December 2016. Under the agreement, Dine College interns will continue to participate in and help with field sampling efforts for the Cove Wash Watershed investigation. Some of the other Tronox-related activities under the agreement will include planning for a Cove livestock study, developing a glossary of Navajo terms to explain AUM-related issues to the community, and developing a video to explain work being done to assess and clean up Tronox AUM. (Contact: Gaelle Glickfield, x2-3045)

**Tronox NAUM – FY2017 Projects:** [REDACTED] **Enforcement (b) (7) (A)**  
[REDACTED] **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**  
[REDACTED] (Contact: Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390)

**Sharpe Army Depot (Lathrop, San Joaquin County, CA):** EPA has issued approval of the Final HHRA for the California National Guard to use the former administrative and housing area as a Youth Academy. The HHRA identified unacceptable risk for long-term residential use, however, acceptable for the short term residential occupancy planned by the students. Risk to

staff evaluated under the commercial worker scenario was below the risk management range. Areas outside the planned Youth Academy activities with low level detections of metals and organochlorine pesticides will need to remain restricted from residential and commercial use. The Army reported during the monthly RPM meeting last week that the National Guard will prepare an ESD to update the land use assumptions and document the land use restrictions. EPA also approved LUC boundary reduction for Site P-5A, which was done to remove restrictions for the areas of the site no longer presenting risk for vapor intrusion due to the SVE cleanup. The areas that exceed the EPA VISLs will remain under the LUC boundary. (Contact: Nadia Burke, x2-3187)

**McClellan AFB (Privatization):** The entire McClellan project team (including AD Angeles Herrera) met with Alan Hersh (V.P., McClellan Business Park) and Dana Booth (Sacramento County Program Manager) on January 17 to review a range of project priorities for the coming year. The new site team member, Rich Francis, attended the meeting and will be visiting the site this week (January 19) to participate in Base Closure Team meetings with the Air Force and Privatization Status meetings with McClellan Business Park. (Contact: Charnjit Bhullar, x2-3960)

**Fort Ord:** On January 18, Angeles Herrera signed the *Record of Decision, Interim Action Ranges Munitions Response Area, Former Fort Ord, California* (IA Ranges MRA ROD). The Army and Fort Ord Reuse Authority have performed munitions response actions throughout the IA Ranges MRA to address explosive hazards. All detected munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) items were removed or destroyed through these past remedial actions. However, it is possible that some MEC may not have been detected and remains present. This ROD documents the selected remedy, Land Use Controls (LUCs), to addresses risks to human health and the environment from MEC that remains in the IA Ranges MRA. The LUCs include requirements for: (1) MEC recognition and safety training for people that conduct ground-disturbing or intrusive activities on the property; (2) construction support by unexploded ordnance qualified personnel for ground disturbing or intrusive activities; (3) restrictions prohibiting residential use; and (4) restrictions against inconsistent uses (applicable to habitat reserve areas). (Contact: Maeve Clancy, x7-4105)

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

**Geographic Response Planning:** On January 18, Kay Lawrence and Tom Dunkelman met with federal, local and state response agencies as well as industry representatives to kick-off the California Inland Area Geographic Response Planning Steering Committee in program in

Sacramento CA. California's Office of Spill Prevention and Response is leading the effort and has identified 6 river reaches that will be the subject of GRP development in the next 12-24 months. On January 19, Bill Robberson, Lance Richman and Tom Dunkelman met with local and state response agencies to continue the Humboldt River Geographic Response Planning program in Winnamucca, NV. (Contact: Kay Lawrence, x2-3039)

**Newest On Scene Coordinator,** Internal Personnel (b) (2)

(Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

### **Significant Items for Next Week**

### **Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)**

### **Grant Announcements**

### **Legislative Engagement**

### **Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements**

### **30-60 Day Outlook**

### **Other Information**

**Division Director Schedule:**

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

### **Internal to Region 9**

### **Confidential Information**

